

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-15 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claims 16-31 are pending and under consideration. No new matter is included in this amendment.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

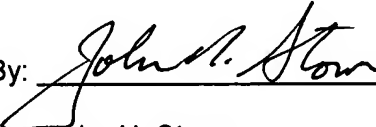
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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